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**Subject:** STIP Draft Public Comment

Dear Department of Transportation, Statewide Planning Office – Division of Program Development,

I am writing to oppose the inclusion in the **State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) Draft** proposal for federal funding, of three, huge, non-essential projects, the Gravina and Knik Arm Bridges and especially the Juneau Road/Ferry Project.

The enormous cost of the projects will eliminate, reduce and delay the funding of other more necessary transportation projects in communities across the state.

The Juneau/Katzehin road alone is estimated in the STIP draft to cost \$320 million. I request this estimate be validated by an independent audit as new technical information issued by Golder Associates in December 2006 strongly indicates significantly higher costs.

I urge you to spend these much needed federal transportation dollars instead maintaining and improving our existing infrastructure, including the Alaska Marine Highway System and public transport in urban areas, filling potholes and repairing bridges on the roads people drive and replacing culverts to allow fish passage when streams are blocked by road construction.

I support the inclusion of all transportation projects essential to Alaskans. These three projects are not essential and should not be pursued.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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